

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-16, 18-23, and 25-29 are pending in the present application. An Office communication was issued in the present application on September 14, 2010, giving applicants a one-month period to respond. In the communication, the examiner indicated that he had contacted applicants' attorney and proposed an examiner's amendment to the specification to overcome a possible objection and a possible rejection under 35 USC § 112. During telephonic communications with the applicants' attorney, the examiner indicated that the proposed amendments to the specification were required in order for the case could be allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification are not necessary for at least those reasons which applicants previously argued in the remarks filed on June 30, 2010 (see pages 8-9 of the remarks). However, without conceding the propriety of any objection or rejection, in an effort to merely comply with the examiner's requirement and secure allowance of the present application, applicants presently amend the specification in accordance with the examiner's proposed amendment. Applicants do not believe that the present amendments to the specification affect the scope of the claims in any way.

In light of applicants' compliance with the examiner's proposed amendment, applicants submit that the case is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance at the examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

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